

refer to compounds --Ib-- instead of "IB". No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected Claims 14, 20 to 22, 26 and 28 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable in light of Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 16 of *US 6,632,561* to *Bauer et al.* Applicants herewith submit a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of a patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of *US 6,632,561*. Additionally, applicants agree in the Terminal Disclaimer that a patent granted on this application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title of such patent is the same as the legal title to *US 6,632,561*. Withdrawal of the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is therefore respectfully solicited.

The Examiner rejected Claims 23 to 28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as being indefinite.

With regard to Claim 23, the Examiner argued that it was unclear what method step was involved in the claimed method. It is respectfully urged that the previous wording of Claim 23 clearly required a step of "crosslinking" the composition of Claim 14 either "thermally or by irradiation with ionic or ionizing radiation, an electron beam, UV or visible light, by electrochemically induced polymerization or by ionic polymerization". Claim 23 as herewith presented additionally requires the step of providing the composition defined in Claim 14. Since the wording of Claim 23 clearly sets forth which method steps are involved in the claimed method it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 23 under Section 112, ¶2, be withdrawn.

With regard to Claim 24, the Examiner noted that "IB" should be corrected to --Ib-- in subsection (II). Applicants have made the respective correction and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 24 under Section 112, ¶2, is therefore respectfully solicited.

As concerns Claims 25 and 26 the Examiner argued that it was unclear how a solid could consist of an electrolyte etc. It is respectfully noted that neither Claim 25 nor Claim 26 sets forth a requirement that a solid consist of one of the enumerated manufactures. Rather, the claims refer to a solid selected from the group consisting of the enumerated manufactures, and the claims further require that the solid comprises the crosslinked composition which is obtained by the method defined in Claim 23, and the composite defined

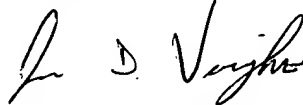
in Claim 22, respectively. The Examiner's reasons for finding that applicants' Claims 25 and 26 were indefinite within the meaning of Section 112, ¶2, are therefore not fairly applicable to the respective claims, and withdrawal of the respective rejection is respectfully solicited.

In light of the foregoing and the attached, the claims which are currently pending in the application are deemed to fully comply with the statutory requirements for patentability, and the application should be in condition for allowance. Early action of the Examiner would be greatly appreciated by applicants.

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Encl.: CLAIM AMENDMENTS (Appendix I)

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